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PRESIDENT: Now we are talking on the bill, itself, Senator Richard Lewis.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: Senator Stull, I would like to ask you, where it explains that the fee is from \$15, it has been raised up to \$15 from \$5 per location. Now there, as you and I both know, there are six locations on an animal. Now does this mean if I have the brand recorded on the right side of an animal, all three locations that I presently am paying what, and what will I pay after this is enacted.

SENATOR STULL: Senator Lewis, if you are going out and buying a brand for the first time, I understand that if you had all three locations, that is the hip, rib and shoulder, it would cost you \$45, but if you are renewing your brand, it is \$15.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: You are sure of this because it is not quite explicit in the statement.

SENATOR STULL: Yes, I am sure of this because that bothered me and I checked with the people that drafted the bill and they assured me that it was this way and there is a good reason for that. We have a good many people that perhaps have an acreage at the edge of the city and, you know, they can get them a brand for \$5 now and they just stick this brand up over the gate or at the driveway and they do it for various reasons, and by raising this fee, why that will probably stop that.

SENATOR R. LEWIS: I have no objection to that. I wanted to be sure that...because many, many ranchers have the whole side of a critter. They like this because they use this brand in different locations for different ages or breeding stock as opposed to feeder stock. So I want to be sure that they are not being...that the rates are not being trebled here on those people.

PRESIDENT: Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Mr. President, I am not sure that Senator Lewis got his question answered. That is what is bothering me. Senator Stull, I am going to rephrase this question for you so that you will have it in a little bit different situation and that is, if you have the whole side of a critter for the brand, you say it is going to cost \$45 because of the three locations. Now I think what Senator Lewis asked you was whether you would put it on the shoulder or whether you would put it on the rib or whether you would put it on the hip and use it for a marking in order for a yearling or so on down the line so you can check your critters out. Now are you sure that it is only going to cost \$15 for renewal of that even though you use it in three locations. You have the whole side. Now is that going to help any, Senator Lewis, because I couldn't quite get the answer to that question in my mind and I am wondering if we really know the answer to it. Senator Stull, could you enlighten us just a little bit more.